

**SOUTH CENTRAL PUBLIC HEALTH DISTRICT
Board of Health Meeting
February 27, 2008**

Board Members Present:

Everett "Buck" Ward
Marvin Hempleman
Linda Montgomery
Don Clark
Tom Faulkner
Peter Curran
Marypat Fields
Don Billings

District Staff Present:

Rene LeBlanc, Director
Bonnie Spencer, Deputy Director
Merl Egbert, Environmental Health Director
Tom Machala, Communicable Disease and Prevention Director
Maggi Machala, Community Health Director
Bruce Fox, Public Information Officer
Karyn Goodale, Public Health Preparedness Manager
Kathlyn Egbert, Management Assistant

Board Members Excused:

Guests:

Patrick Aggers, Legislative Auditor

Board of Health Minutes

The Board of Health meeting was convened by Mr. Ward at 1:30 P.M.

MOTION (made by Ms. Montgomery, second by Dr. Curran): "I move that we approve the minutes of the January 23, 2008, Board Meeting as mailed." Motion passed unanimously.

Save-the-date cards for the upcoming IAB Conference and Employee Conduct and Conflict of Interest forms were distributed.

IPHA is applying for a grant for the Lead States in Public Health Quality Improvement. The seven Health Districts are in support of the grant application to help prepare for local health department accreditation. Letters prepared for signature by our Board Chairman and District Director expressing support were reviewed.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, Mr. Faulkner): "I move that we authorize Mr. Ward's signature in support of the Public Health Quality Improvement grant application." Motion carried.

Legislative/Trustee Report

Mr. Hempleman updated the Board on the recent GAC conference call. The Senate had passed SB 1384 amending language in Idaho Code to allow Health Districts to apply for low interest loans from the Health Facilities Authority for multi-year facility construction.

The SB 1376 Daycare Facilities has stalled. We are in support of the work that is being done to ensure proper licensure of daycares and the safety of the children. However, the bill proposed adding additional responsibilities to the health districts conducting health and safety inspections with no increase in the inspection fee. Gene Gunderson recommended to Senator Lodge that a work group be convened to help develop viable standards which would add credibility and acceptance of the revised standards.

The CEC committee is recommending a 3% merit increase with a 1% mandatory increase for everybody. The remaining increases would be targeted at positions with high turnover, below midpoint, and below 90% of Compa-Ratio. Other bills of interest were reviewed. The possibility of moving the IAB Conference to a different time of the year was discussed.

Director's Report

Ms. Spencer introduced Patrick Aggers, Legislative Auditor. He informed the Board about new auditing standards that are being used to review our FY 2006 and 2007 financial records. There are new things that will be communicated in writing to the Board that have not been done before.

Calendars for upcoming commission budget visits were reviewed. The Blaine County appointment will be rescheduled in May. Letters were sent to each Commission informing them of the date change for our Budget Hearing. Proxy forms were also sent in the event the Commission Chairman is not able to attend.

Health Hero 2008 nomination forms were distributed to Board members for their use in nominating community members who have worked to protect, promote, and enhance the health of southern Idaho citizens during calendar year 2007. Our General Staff Meeting will be held at the Burley Inn on April 4, 2008. We will follow the national Public Health Week theme of "Climate Change: Our Health in the Balance" with emphasis on water.

JFAC is scheduled to set the appropriation for public health districts on March 4. The Governor's recommendation for state funding for the CEC will be readjusted based on a 3% increase.

Operations Report

Ms. Spencer reviewed the Comparison to Budget report through January 2008. Operating expenditures are a little high with several one-type expenditures being made. Revenues remain strong, especially fees and donations. The pass through account balance is \$917,162. Consensus of the Board was to leave our investments in the current funds and to have Ms. Spencer bring interest earned reports for periodic review due to the unsettled market and economy.

Environmental Report

Mr. Egbert presented information and statistical reports on the District's land development programs and the Idaho economic forecast for 2008 to 2011. A table on housing starts and

personal income in the State of Idaho shows a gradual increase in both areas during the years of 2002 to 2011. A peak in the number of housing starts occurred in 2005 due to a high number of city and county subdivisions. New subdivision and housing starts dropped significantly the first quarter of 2008. It is anticipated that the second quarter will pick up but will not be the volume as the last two years. Trends in total costs for land development programs over the last nine years were reviewed. District support is fairly flat with fees steadily increasing – parallel with total funding. The projection is that we will see a drop in revenues this year and then a more gradual increase in the next two years.

The Community Health Division has a Child Health and Safety contract with complaints about daycares being referred to us. The Environmental Health Division will be investigating complaints associated with daycares to determine if the complaint is substantiated. Issues of more than an environmental nature will be referred to law enforcement agencies (drugs, abuse, etc.).

MOTION (made by Ms. Fields, second by Ms. Montgomery): “I move that we go into Executive Session as authorized by Idaho Law 67-2345 for the purpose of discussing employee or real property issues.” Motion carried.

The Board returned to regular session at 2:40 p.m.

MOTION (made by Mr. Hempleman, second by Ms. Montgomery): “I motion that we give Mr. Faulkner latitude to inquire about hospital property; also we approve Russ Lively as architect and manager of the project and put him on hold.”

If negotiations on hospital property are not successful, the Board would like to get cost estimates to remodel the Trinity property.

MOTION (made by Mr. Faulkner, second by Mr. Billings): “I motion the Budget Hearing and Board of Health meeting be moved to May 21, 2008.” Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:30 p.m.



Everett “Buck” Ward
Board Chairman

Attest:



Rene R. LeBlanc, Director
Secretary to the Board

Board Minutes approved on March 26, 2008